Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for processing a paper expense receipt using a computer system comprising the steps of:

    receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual incurring an expense;

    receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt from the computer input device;

    processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;

    populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and

    displaying the electronic expense report to the individual; and

    wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the computer system.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer input device is a portable scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

1   5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of processing the electronic image is

2   further comprised of the steps of:

3   using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4   parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1   6. (canceled)

2   7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense data is date of expense, expense

3   amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1   8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

2   receiving additional data;

3   modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;

4   displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and

5   storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1   9. (canceled)

1   10. (canceled)

1   11. (canceled)

1   12. (canceled)

1   13. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of encrypting the electronic

2   image.

1   14. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of encrypting the expense

2   report.

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1   15. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer applies a set of expense rules to the

2   expense data.

1   16. (canceled)

1   17. (canceled)

1   18. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report and receipt image are displayed

2   simultaneously.

1   19. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and

2   receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1   20. (canceled)

1   21. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of checking for duplicate

2   receipts.

1   22. (canceled)

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1   23. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a

2   computer system to perform a method for storing a paper expense receipt comprising the steps

3   of:

4   receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual

5   incurring an expense;

6   receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt;

7   processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;

8   populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and

9   displaying the electronic expense report to the individual-; and

10   wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the

11 computer system.

1   24. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer

2   input device is a portable scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant

3   camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.

1   25. (canceled)

2   26. (canceled)

1   27. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the step of processing the

2   electronic image is further comprised of the steps of:

3   using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4   parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1   28. (canceled)

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1   29. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense data is comprised

2   of date of expense, expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1   30. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method

2   further comprises the steps of:

3   receiving additional data;

4   modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;

5   displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and

6   storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1   31. (canceled)

2   32. (canceled)

1   33. (canceled)

1   34. (canceled)

1   35. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of

2   encrypting the electronic image.

1   36. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of

2   encrypting the expense report.

1   37. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer applies a set of

2   expense rules to the expense data.

1   38. (canceled)

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2   39. (canceled)

1   40. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report and

2   receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1   41. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report, a list of

2   scanned receipts, and receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 . 42. (canceled)

1   43. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method is further

2   comprised of the step of checking for duplicate receipts.

1 · 44. (canceled)

1   45. (currently amended) A <u>computer</u> system for processing a paper expense receipt comprised

2   of:

3   a computer input device for receiving the paper expense receipt from an individual

4   incurring an expense, and creating an electronic image of the receipt;

5   a computer processor in communication with the computer input device;

·6   a software module operating on the computer processor for processing the electronic

7   image to obtain expense data;

8   a software module operating on the computer processor for filling in an expense report

9   with the expense data; ~~and~~

10   a display in communication with the computer on which the expense report is displayed

11   to the individual~~.~~; <u>and</u>

12   <u>wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the</u>

13   <u>computer system.</u>

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1   46. (canceled)

1   47. (previously presented) The system of claim 45 wherein the computer input device is a

2   scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera

3   or communicator camera.

1   48. (canceled) .

1   49. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the software module for processing the electronic

2   image is further comprised of:

3   a character recognition software module to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4   a parsing software module for parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1   50. (canceled)

1   51. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense data is comprised of date of expense,

2   expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1   52. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a second input device for receiving

2   additional data to modify the expense report.

1   53. (canceled)

1   54. (canceled)

1   55. (canceled)

1   56. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module operating on the

2   computer processor for encrypting the electronic image.

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1   57. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module for applying a set of

2   expense rules to the expense data and expense report..

1   58. (canceled)

1   59. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report and receipt image are

2   displayed simultaneously.

1   60. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and

2   receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1   61. (canceled)

1   62. (currently amended) The system of claim 45 further comprising ~~further comprising a~~

2   software module to check for duplicate receipts.

1   63. (canceled)

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